

"I strongly support the Military Commissions Act, and applaud President Bush for signing this legislation into law. The CIA's interrogation program has played a pivotal role in protecting Americans during the War on Terrorism. It has exposed many of our enemy's most sensitive secrets, helping to disrupt attacks, capture high value al Qaeda operatives, and bring to light terrorist efforts to obtain biological weapons. The Military Commissions Act allows this critical program to continue, while reaffirming our nation's refusal to permit torture.

"The Military Commissions Act also establishes a system of military tribunals to try captured terrorists, including 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. While providing numerous legal rights, it ensures that terrorist suspects in our nation's custody can soon face justice. Every American, and in particular the families of victims of the 1998 terrorist attacks on two U.S. embassies in Africa, the 2000 attack on the USS Cole, and the September 11 attacks, will undoubtedly welcome the day when captured terrorists suspected of orchestrating these attacks are held accountable for their murderous actions."